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1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE JULY 25 CONTINUED WORK ON AGENDA ITEMS
CARRIED OVER FROM JULY 18 MEETING.

2. SYMPOSIUM. ECONADS AGREED TO TITLE FOR 1975 SYMPOSIUM:
"ECONOMIC ASPECT OF LIFE IN THE SOVIET UNION," THUS MAKING
TITLE MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF SUBJECTS COVERED, PER REF (B).
UK, CANADA, AND FRG ASKED THAT RANGE OF SUBJECTS BE NARROWED,
THUS AGREEING WITH PREVIOUS U.S. AND NETHERLANDS STATEMENTS
ALONG THESE LINES. IS WILL PREPARE MORE LIMITED DRAFT THAN
THAT IN USNATO 3007, DROPPING SUBJECTS LIKE PSYCHOLOGY OF
SOVIET CITIZEN AND SOVIET CLASS STRUCTURE, AND ADDING AT YK
SUGGESTION SOVIET BLACK MARKET. UK REP ALSO NOTED SYMPOSIUM
WILL TAKE PLACE AROUND TIME OF PUBLICATION OF 1976-1980
FIVE YEAR PLAN, WHICH MIGHT OFFER OCCASION FOR COMMENT BY
SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS.
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3. REPORTS. ECONADS APPROVED A SLIGHTLY SHORTENED VERSION OF
REPORT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA ECONOMY FOR TRANSMISSION TO COUNCIL.
ECONADS ON AUGUST 1 WILL CONSIDER REPORTS ON COMECON (AC/127-SP/402)
AND COMMUNIST AID TO THIRD WORLD (AC/127-WP/399), FOR WHICH

MISSION REQUESTED GUIDANCE IN USNATO 3572 AND USNATO 3056. REPORTS ON ECONOMY OF PRC (AC/127-WP/404) AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF USSR (AC/127-WP/405) WILL BE CIRCULATED THIS WEEK, AND CHAIRMAN REQUESTED COMMENTS DURING AUGUST.

4. FUTURE WORK PROGRAM. U.S. REP PER REF D SUGGESTED THE THREE SUBJECTS IN JUNE 20 PREGG-GOODSPEED LETTER FOR FUTURE ECONAD WORK:

1) EXPERIENCES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN THEIR INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES (JOINT COMMISSION) TO ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE;

2) IMPACT OF CREDITS ON BOP OF EAST EUROPEAN STATES;

3) VALUE AND PROBLEMS OF TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES WITH THE EAST. UK REP SAID HE KNEW HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE THE THIRD SUBJECT. UK REP ALSO OFFERED AS POSSIBLE SUBJECT THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD WESTERN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS IMF, GATT. BELGIAN REP RECOMMENDED RESUMPTION OF FORMER PRACTICE OF NATO COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON ECE TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING IN NATO JUST PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETINGS. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE TIMELY TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING OF HEADS OF ECONOMIC SECTIONS OF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, PERHAPS IN MARCH OR APRIL OF 1975. CANADIAN REP SAID HE KNEW THAT HEAD OF CANADIAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUCH A MEETING.

5. CSCE. FRG REP NOTED THERE MIGHT BE MEETINGS IN NATO ON POLITICAL ASPECTS F CSCE JUST PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF GENEVA TALKS, AND WONDERED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY REASON FOR MEETINGS ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS (BASKET II). ITALIAN REP SUPPORTED MEETING IN ECONADS OF BASKET II OFFICIALS. CANADIAN REP DOUBTED UTILITY OF SUCH A MEETING. CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT ECONADS CHECK WITH CAPITALS ON WHETHER SUCH A MEETING DESIRABLE.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED. (1) REPLIES TO USNATO 3572 AND 3056 RE REPORTS ON COMECON AND COMMUNIST AID AND TRADE WITH LDC'S, BY AUGUST 1 MEETING; (2) COMMENTS ON REPORTS ON PRC AND SOVIET BOP; (3) REACTION TO BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON RESUMPTION OF ANNUAL MEETINGS IN NATO OF NATO COUNTRY REPS ON ECE TRADE COMMITTEE; (4) REACTION TO CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE CHIEFS MEETING; AND (5) WHETHER WASHINGTON WOULD LIKE BASKET II MEETING IN ECONADS PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF CSCE. PRENDERGAST

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